

[Translation]

Rural Electrification in Rajasthan

7090. SHRI RAM SINGH KASHWAN: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount sanctioned by Government for electrification of rural areas of Churu district in Rajasthan for 1992-93;

(b) the number of rural area electrified during 1990-91 and 1991-92;

(c) the number of villages in Churu district, its weaker Section colonies still to be electrified; and

(d) the reasons therefor and when these are likely to be electrified?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Funds for rural electrification are allocated by the Planning Commission for the State as a whole and the district and area-wise priorities of rural electrification works are finalised by the State Authorities. The Planning Commission has approved an outlay of Rs. 69.15 crores for Rajasthan state as a whole for rural electrification works for the year 1992-93.

(b) the number of villages electrified in Churu district of Rajasthan by the end of year 1990-91 and 1991-92 are given below-

<i>up to the end of the Year</i>	<i>Total villages electrified (Cumulative)</i>
1990-91	688
1991-92	728 (upto Feb. 1992)

(c) and (d). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

Hydro electric Project in West Bengal

7091. SHRIJITENDRANATHDAS: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up hydro-electric project in West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Presently two hydro-electric projects viz., Rammam Stage-II (50MW) and Teesta Canal Fall I to IV (67.5MW) are under construction and are scheduled for commissioning during 1993-94 and 1993-95 respectively.

Rammam Stage-I (36MW) has been techno economically cleared by Central Electricity Authority and will be taken up for execution after obtaining Environment & Forest clearance and investment approval Farakka Barrage Hydro-electric Project (125MW) has been techno economically found in order by Central Electricity Authority and will be taken up for execution by the Project Authorities after clearance by Ministry of Environment and Forests and investment decision by the Government.

Visakhapatnam Steel Plant

7092. SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the C.A.G has made adverse remark upon the functioning of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the remedial measures proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Indira sagar Dam

7093. SHRI MAHENDRA KUMAR SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to obtain World Bank assistance for the completion of Indira Sagar Dam;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Narmada Sagar Project (now renamed as Indira Sagar Project) was appraised by the World Bank in 1984-85. However, the World Bank has informed that reappraisal of the project would be necessary in view of, inter alia, the World Bank's new operational directives on environmental assessment requirements which come into effect from October 1, 1989. The World Bank has indicated that to consider reinstatement of the project into its leading programme, Government of Madhya Pradesh would have to attend to the following:-

(i) a realistic financial plan;

(ii) An environment at impact assessment study; and

(iii) A comprehensive plan for rehabilitation and resettlement of project affected persons.

Government of Madhya Pradesh has been requested to communicate action taken on the above aspects.

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

Import of American Films

7094. SHRI RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has removed restrictions hitherto imposed on motion pictures Exhibitors Association in respect of import of American films in India;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the extent of loss by this decision?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRJA VYAS): (a) No, Sir.

(d) and (c). Do not arise.

[Translation]

Setting up of New Radio Stations in States

7095. SHRI B.L. SHAR .MAPREM: SHRI LALIT ORAON:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state: